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Media Advisory

Pioneer Company Receives Workplace Safety Award

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Occupational Safety and Health Administrator John Winkler on behalf of Governor Phil Bredesen, will award International Paper's Royal Blue Chip Mill in Pioneer, the **Volunteer STAR Award**, Thursday, October 23 at 11:00 a.m. (EST). The ceremony will take place at the facility in Pioneer on Howard Baker Highway. International Paper's Royal Blue Chip Mill employs 8 people. This facility in Pioneer purchases pulpwood and produces hardwood chips for International Paper mills in the southeast and Blue Ridge Paper in Canton, North Carolina. The **VOLUNTEER Safety through Accountability and Recognition (STAR) Award** is the state's highest honor for workplace safety and health and a nationally recognized program.

WHO: International Paper's Royal Blue Chip Mill
Tennessee Occupational Safety & Health
Administrator John Winkler

WHAT: Volunteer Star Award for workplace safety

WHEN: Thursday, October 23
11:00 a.m. EST

WHERE: International Paper's Royal Blue Chip Mill
701 Howard Baker Highway
Pioneer, Tennessee

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